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HUNGARY: Dissident Activity

There is additional evidence of contacts between Hungarian dissidents and the Solidarity underground. An unidentified dissident group in Hungary has put together and circulated a collection of documents on resistance to martial law in Poland, including translations of Solidarity bulletins, the statement on 15 December by Poland's bishops, and lists of Polish internees. Several times since the imposition of martial law, Hungarian students have smuggled copies of Solidarity documents out of Poland for broadcast or publication in the West.

Comment: This appears to be the first time that such items have been reproduced and circulated in Hungary. The regime probably will not take repressive measures against the dissidents because of party leader Kadar's generally lenient approach toward them and because of growing concern about the Polish situation. The political sensitivity of this issue, however, may result in some official response.

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